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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS

March 4-11

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Goal \$6,600,000

Ask Of Me...

—the kneeling figure represents the stance of Southern Baptists March 4-11 during the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. The theme of the week claims the promise of Psalm 2:8: "Ask of me, and I will make

the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession." The theme calls to mind the great variety of peoples in the USA who do not know Christ as Savior.

Home Mission Progress Is 'Within Reach'

Southern Baptists have a chance to pull out of "status quo" home missions with their annual Week of Prayer and special offering for home missions March 4-11.

Looking forward to the week-long focus on needs in the USA, Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary - treasurer of the Home Mission Board, said that renewed progress in home missions is "entirely within reach."

Rutledge told the Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union, the agency which promotes the Week of Prayer and offering, that funds in recent years have been sufficient only to maintain home missions work. He predicted that if the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering reaches its \$6,600,000 goal, work can be expanded in a major way.

"For three years the missionary force has remained about the same — about 2,200," Rutledge told the WMU Board. "We have had to cut out some things in order to pay our missionaries adequately in times of inflation. We had more than 100 potential missionaries on college campuses alone last year that we could not afford to appoint."

More than \$200,000 in new money (Continued on page 2)

State Executive Secretaries And Editors Meet In Biloxi

(By The Baptist Press)

Executive secretaries of 33 Baptist state conventions, meeting in Biloxi for their annual session, elected George Bagley as president of the Association of Baptist State Executive Secretaries.

Bagley, executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, succeeds as president W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and host for the annual meeting.

Other officers elected by the secretaries include vice president, W. Perry Crouch of North Carolina; secretary Richard Stevens of Virginia; and Inter-Agency Council Representative Searcy Garrison of Georgia.

The Southern Baptist Press Association meeting, in Biloxi at the same time adopted a resolution protesting any restrictions regarding freedom of the press, declaring that "the full and free sharing of information is essential for any self governing society."

The editors of Baptist state papers across the country noted that there are warnings on the national horizon that restrict free flow of information.

The resolution came in a business session after which the editors selected L. H. Moore, editor of the Ohio

Baptist Messenger, as their new president and named O. L. Bayless, editor of the Rocky Mountain Baptist, as president-elect. Al Shackleford of the Indiana Baptist was re-elected secretary - treasurer.

During their three-day annual session at the Sheraton Hotel here, the editors took a look at a wide range of issues and problems facing the SBC, including Christian education, denominational structures, social issues, theological education and world missions.

The editors' meeting opened with a banquet in joint session with the executive secretaries of state conventions across the SBC, featuring an after-dinner address by J. D. Grey, recently retired pastor of First Baptist Church, New Orleans and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"If we didn't have a free and unfettered press among us, I shudder to think of the mess the SBC would be in," Grey told the group.

"Most of you could have written on your own," he said. "I didn't say, 'plodded,' I said 'prodded,'" he quipped.

Commenting on the editors' courage to take a stand, Grey observed that "I'd rather a man say 'He put his

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State WMU Convention To Meet In Jackson March 27-28

The annual Convention of Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union will be held at Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson March 27-28, according to Mrs. Vernon May, Louisville, president. Attending the meeting will be women from every section of the state with an estimated attendance of up to 1500.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday.

Speakers for the meeting will be Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, president, Southern Baptist Convention; Miss June Whitlow, education division director, Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention Birmingham; Senor Jose Borrás, president, Spanish Baptist Union; Dr. Thomas Starkes, direc-

tor, Interfaith Witness Department, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitten, Southern Baptist missionaries to Spain; Mr. and Mrs. James Foster, to the Philippines; Mrs. Ralph Davis, to Ghana; Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Stamps, to Ecuador; Rev. and Mrs. Art Compere, to Nigeria; Miss Antonina Canzoneri, to the Bahamas; Rev. and Mrs. Jerry St. John, missionaries to the deaf in Mississippi; Rev. and Mrs. Dolton Haggan, Philadelphia; missionaries to the Choctaw Indians in Mississippi.

Mrs. May will preside over the sessions.

Other officers are Mrs. Carey Cox of Brandon, vice president; Mrs. John Causey of Corinth, recording secretary; and Mrs. Joel Ray of Hattiesburg, associate recording secretary.

Miss Marjean Patterson, Jackson, State WMU Executive Secretary-Treasurer, revealed the theme of this year's convention to be "To God Be the Glory."

Directing the music will be Mrs. Jerry Malone of Houston, Texas. In addition to leading congregational singing, Mrs. Malone will present special music.

The Clarke College Girls' Ensemble from Newton will also provide special music for some sessions.

Mrs. Joy Morgan Davis of Dallas, Texas, will present a series of dramatizations on the tasks of WMU, with a different emphasis being given at each of the five sessions.

Mrs. Davis is the daughter of the late W. C. Morgan, former director of (Continued on page 2)



Mr. Owen Cooper



Mrs. Vernon May



Dr. Tommy Starkes



Mrs. Joy Davis



Senor Jose Borrás

Cooper Issues Challenge On Cooperative Program

NASHVILLE (BP) — Pointing to the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program unified budget plan in 1975, Southern Baptist Convention President Owen Cooper issued an impassioned plea for Baptists to renew their commitment to greater gains in the future through greater support of the Cooperative Program.

"I believe in the Cooperative Program as the best means known to Southern Baptists to channel their giving in a worldwide mission program of unprecedented magnitude," Cooper declared at a Cooperative Program luncheon held during the SBC Executive Committee meeting here.

He urged pastors in the 12 million member convention to reaffirm their faith in the Cooperative Program, deacons to lead their churches to increase their gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program, laymen to promote the denomination's unified budget plan supporting world missions, and all Baptists to more effectively personalize the Cooperative Program.

"The Cooperative Program is not perfect," he admitted, "but it is the best plan available to Southern Baptists, and until someone discovers a better idea we should not destroy what we have."

Cooper chided those in the denomination who would make caustic comments about the Cooperative Program, or resort to ridicule or destructive criticism. "Such remarks will become the maker and reflect on the agency he represents," and "should not be tolerated," he added.

Though Cooper was strong and enthusiastic in his support of the Cooperative Program, he acknowledged that Southern Baptists have not done as well as they should in support of world missions through the unified budget plan.

"Southern Baptists have made acceptable but not noteworthy gains in the area of stewardship during the past decades," he said. "It is true that our total giving is up year after year," and that total gifts exceeded \$1 billion last year.

The percentage of total church contributions allocated to the Cooperative Program (Continued on page 2)

SBC Committee Sets \$35,000,000 Budget

NASHVILLE (BP) — A record Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program budget of \$35 million for 1973-74 cleared the SBC Executive Committee here after brief but spirited discussion.

The recommended budget, which represents an increase of almost \$2 million, or 6.8 per cent over the previous year, will go to the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland, Ore., in June for final consideration.

In other major actions, the 60-member Executive Committee voted to encourage SBC churches to share the expenses of lay persons attending the annual Southern Baptist Convention, authorized a revised timetable for drafting the convention's proposed budget on a trial basis, and paid tribute to a retiring Texas Baptist executive.

Most of the three-day session was devoted to budget presentations from 18 agencies of the SBC requesting a total of \$36,371,241.

The \$35 million goal finally approved includes \$34 million for the operating funds of the 18 agencies, plus an additional \$1 million for capital



Religious Ed Group-

The Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association meeting Feb. 22-24 on the Gulf Coast had a strong (Continued On Page 2)

In photo at left Dr. Grady Wilson, speaker at State Religious Education Association, has moment of fellowship Friday night just before banquet at which he was speaker. From left: Randall Perry, minister of education at First Church, Gulfport; Bob McKee, Jackson, association vice-president; Miss Ethel McKeithen, Hattiesburg, president; Dr. Wilson, and H. G. Earwood, who directed special music for banquet.

Sunday School Small Church Meets Ready

A series of 22 Small Church Sunday School conferences will be held in the state March 19-29, according to Bryant M. Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor.

All officers and teachers of Sunday schools under 150 enrolment are urged to attend the conference most convenient.

Mr. Cummings said that each conference will be held from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and that Sunday school principles and work will be emphasized. Each conference will be conducted (Continued on page 2)



New officers of State Baptist Religious Education, elected at its meeting Feb. 22-24, are, from left: Miss Frances Shaw, secretary, (re-elected); Dale Oden, Clinton, vice-president; Bob McKee, Jackson, president; Wayne Ward, Vicksburg, song leader; and Miss Thelma Williamson, Jackson, pianist.

Religious Ed Group

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program, registered 100 people for the meeting and elected new officers for the coming year.

Bob McKee, minister of education of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, was elected president, succeeding Miss Ethel McKeithen of Hattiesburg.

Other officers named were:

Dale Oden, Clinton, vice-president; Miss Frances Shaw, Jackson, secretary; Wayne Ward, Vicksburg, song leader; and Miss Thelma Williamson, Jackson, pianist.

Dr. Grady Wilson, of Charlotte, N. C., one of two out-of-state speakers told religious education leaders Friday night in Gulfport that "God says in the Bible that His people must give up their wicked ways if we are to have revival."

Dr. Wilson, an associate evangelist with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, speaking at a supper meeting at First Baptist Church in Gulfport, continuing said:

"America today has gone astray and our only hope in this world is in God through Jesus Christ."

"Who are God's people? They are those who have been born again through faith in Jesus Christ."

"Many men in top government positions are seeking spiritual guidance in order to know what to do in this hour in America today."

"The word 'revival' is found only seven times in the Bible, but all the way through, the word implies the need for man to draw himself to God. 'God has given in the Bible the promise of revival when His people are willing to pay the price.'"

Dr. Wilson said he had been asked many times what he thought was the secret of Dr. Graham's greatness and success as an evangelist. He said that Dr. Graham is a man of abiding sincerity and prayer. Dr. Graham be-

lieves that first in his life is his quiet time and prayer.

The Graham Evangelistic team is scheduled to conduct a "crusade" in Jackson but the date has not been set, Dr. Wilson said.

The other principal speaker was Dr. Robert Bingham, executive assistant Program services, Home Mission Board, Atlanta. He is a speaker and author of note.

Special music at the supper meeting Friday evening was rendered by the choir of Fairview Church, Columbus, which first entertained with a comic selection and then presented a series of hymns, under direction of H. G. Earwood, church music director and association chorister.

The association adopted a resolution expressing its grateful appreciation to Miss Carolyn Madison, a member of the group who will retire March 31 as associate in the State Baptist Sunday School Department.

The resolution referred to her support of the association and reaffirmed the prayers and best wishes of the group to her as "she moves into the adjustments of retirement."

LOBITO, Angola—The Angolan Baptist Convention, meeting here recently, reported that over the past year ago membership was 774; now it is 1,450. Of the increase, 249 came by Baptism. Also during the year three new churches have been organized, bringing the total to 14, and two new church buildings have been occupied. Both received some help with construction costs from Southern Baptists.

"The same men who rarely hear the shrill voice of conscience never miss the faint whisper of temptation" — Mrs. Gary Hiott, The Pickens (S. C.) Sentinel.

Nixon Plans Private School Tax Credit Aid

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lawyer, is strongly opposed to the idea.

Ervin said recently that such aid to the parents in essence gives government money raised from all the people to benefit certain churches. Ervin accused President Nixon of lacking "devotion to the First Amendment" in his dedication to give public funds to parochial schools.

In his argument before the Supreme Court, Sinkler for the state of South Carolina denied that the state would be involved in close supervision of the financial affairs of Baptist College thus resulting in "excessive entanglement" between church and state. He also denied that the state was providing state aid to a sectarian institution, since no tax funds were involved in bond issues for private schools.

Sinkler conceded after a question by Justice W. J. Brennan, Jr., that the tax free bonds made possible a two per cent advantage to Baptist College in financing its indebtedness. Such aid, he continued, does not violate the separation of church and state. The reason for this, he pointed out, is that a "state may expend its funds in a manner which benefits sectarian institutions as an incident to the benefit conferred on society generally."

Attorney Figg argued on the other hand that the South Carolina law requires that the state sees to it that the Baptist college charge students fees that are sufficient to meet the bond payments. For this reason, he contended the state authority would have to be closely involved in the financial operations and conditions at the college, and that, if it became necessary, would require the college to adjust its student fees and charges.

"The necessary result," he concluded, "is in excessive degree of involvement and entanglement of the state in the activities of the college in contravention of the religion clauses of the First Amendment."

Home Mission

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is required each year to keep the same number of missionaries on the field according to the Home Mission Board plan.

Rutledge pointed to a 9.8 percent increase in home missions allocations from the Cooperative Program and said, "If the Annie Armstrong Offering goal can be reached, we can get back into increasing the number of missionaries."

Rutledge expressed gratitude for the 1972 home missions offering which went over its goal for a total of \$6,059,603. The funds made possible the preparations for a HMB-sponsored evangelistic variety show which will be premiered throughout the nation on television April 1. Thirty percent of all 1973 Annie Armstrong funds beyond \$6,000,000 will be funneled into buying time for the TV series.

Rutledge was joined by Mrs. R. L. Mathis, WMU president, in a statement of confidence that the 1973 offering goal will be reached. "If we did it once we can do it again," Mrs. Mathis said, "but this year we should exceed the goal more spectacularly."

The possibility for progressive funding comes at a time of unusual opportunity for home missions. "In the years I've been at the Home Mission Board I've never been so encouraged," Rutledge stated. "There's a new spirit of confidence and faith. Baptisms are increasing. We are finding more efficient ways of using missionaries."

Activities March 4-11 will be conducted on a churchwide level and by WMU and Brotherhood age-level organizations. Among resources for study and praying is the new Home Mission Board Hotline (Area Code 404, 875-7701).

Theme for the observance is Ask of me . . . based on Psalm 2:8.

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the Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Mrs. Morgan, and is well known in the state.

Retired Mississippi missionaries and mothers of Mississippi missionaries will be recognized as special guests at the Tuesday morning session.

At the Tuesday night session a panel of Mississippi missionaries will relate how God is glorified as He works through them on the mission field.

Missionaries to be featured are: Rev. and Mrs. John Smith, Indonesia; Mrs. Bob Hollifield, Italy; Mrs. Tom Barron, Indonesia; Mrs. Raymond Kolb, Brazil; with Miss Marjean Patterson as moderator.

A business session will include the election of officers for the coming year and the reports of several convention committees.

Pastor of the host church is Dr. Charles Myers.



L. H. Moore (right), editor of the Ohio Baptist Messenger, and newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Press Association, congratulates editor O. L. Bayless (center) of the Rocky Mountain Baptist (Colorado), on his being named president-elect of the editors' organization. At left is Alvin Shackleford, editor of the Indiana Baptist, re-elected as secretary. The Press Association held its annual session in Biloxi, Miss., at the Sheraton Hotel.—(BP) Photo

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foot in a lot of buckets," than to say, "He pussy-footed around and never would take a stand on anything."

A former editor of the California Southern Baptist, J. Terry Young, identified three major roles for the Baptist state paper editor — the role of the prophet, the role of the minister, and the role of the catalyst.

Urging the editors to deal with the issues of the "rough and tumble world," Young said he was tired of letting the pendulum be swung by radical groups. "It is time we Christians took a more positive, militant stand in trying to influence society and reaching those people who live out there on the ragged edges."

Young, now professor at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, added that in addition to urging people to action on issues, the state should play a "healing role," drawing the denomination together in times of conflict and polarization.

"Sometimes you need to weep over an editorial," he counseled. "Bombastic words may gain you plaudits from some, but carefully tailored words may get you more success in the goals you hope to achieve."

The editors voted to change the place of the Feb. 25-28, 1974 meeting from Washington, D. C., to Honolulu, Hawaii in order to meet with the state executive secretaries; and to meet in Mobile, Ala., Feb. 20-22, 1975.

The Convention President Speaks

It is really exciting to be alive and serving our Lord in this day. For the past few years, much of our work has been discouraging. Our comments have sounded like a funeral dirge. We have sounded more like God is dead than alive. We have manifested discouragement and defeat.

But there is a new day. At our church, we get many church bulletins from other churches. Recently, it was my privilege to read through a great stack of them at one sitting. I was thrilled to read the life that was there. I could almost feel the excitement that was pulsating through the hearts of pastors and other staff members as they wrote.

Last week, The Baptist Record carried the announcement that Sunday school enrollment was on the increase over the previous year. Our state had a sizable increase in baptisms from last year and the Convention had a record number of baptisms last year. People are bringing God's money to His treasury and we are seeing a gigantic increase in our giving. This is really a note of encouragement. My prayer is that we may work and pray and look for even greater things in the months that lie ahead. I believe we are on the verge of the greatest days in our churches.

Laymen, you join with us in seeing this come about. Hold us, your pastors an staff members, up. Help us with our job. Join with us in the work.

Pastors, encourage your laymen. Feed the flock. Join hands with them and then we shall all be able to truly rejoice when the harvest is in. — David Grant

Sunday School - - - - -

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by a team led by a staff member of the State Sunday School Department with the schedule for each staff member as follows:

Rev. Tom Douglas — March 19, Jonestown Baptist Church; 20, Arkabutla; 22 Braxton; 23, Edwards; 29, Central, McNeill.

Rev. Dennis Conniff — March 19, Sherman; 20, Rienzi; 22, Russell; 23, Louin; 29, Waveland.

Rev. Judd Allen — March 19, Oakland; 22, Union Church; 23, Crosby; 29, Helena, (Jackson County).

Rev. Bryant Cummings — March 19, French Camp; 20, Artesia; 22, Shubuta; 23, Moccasin Memorial, (Jones County).

Rev. Billy Hudgens — March 19, Cary; 20, Tchula; 22, Magee's Creek, (Walsh County).

Forest Hill, Jackson: March 4-11; Dr. Chester Swor, outstanding lecturer and author, evangelist; Charles Freeny, singer; services 7:30 p.m. during week; 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays; Rev. Wilbur Irwin, pastor.

Revival Dates

Gaston Booneville (Prentiss) "Six Exciting Days," March 4-9; led by Rev. James McCullough of Winfield, Ala., and James Butler of Corinth; services 7 p.m.; Pam Dowdy, pianist; Linda Ledbetter, organist; Rev. Bill Dowdy, pastor.

Second Church, Kosciusko: Feb. 25 - Mar. 3; services nightly at 7:30; Rev. James Parks, evangelist; Joe Burgess, church music youth director, leading the singing.

Indianola, Second: March 4-9; Rev. James Fancher, Jackson, evangelist; Jim Young, music director; regular services on Sunday; services at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. during week; Rev. Doyle Cummings, pastor.

East Philadelphia Church, Philadelphia: March 5 - 11 at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Stanley Barnett,

evangelist; Johnny E. Speedling, Jr., singer; Rev. Olyn F. Roberts, pastor.

First Church, Gautier: March 4-9; 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily; Rev. Billy J. Crosby, pastor of Summer Grove Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, evangelist; L. Pat Loper, minister of music of the same church, singer; Rev. John G. Brock, pastor.

Barlow Church, Shelby: March 4-11; Rev. J. C. Ray, pastor; Rev. Clyde D. Jones, pastor, Fairlawn Church, Memphis, Tennessee, evangelist; services at 7 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts served; evening services at 7:30; Mrs. J. C. Ray, organist; Mrs. David Tinsley, pianist; Choir Director David Tinsley in charge of music. (The evangelist, an Arkansas, was formerly pastor of Michigan and was vice-president of Michigan's state Baptist convention.)

Challenge On Cooperative Program

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ative Program, however, has remained relatively constant for the past 30 years, and in fact diminished slightly from 10.07 per cent in 1942 to 9.14 per cent in 1971, he said.

Likewise, Baptists are not keeping up with per capita giving increases, he said. Between 1963 and 1971, per capita income in the U. S. increased by 69 per cent; whereas per capita giving for Southern Baptist causes through the Cooperative Program increased by only 38 per cent from 1963 to 1972, he said.

If Baptists had kept up with the per capita giving increase nationally, the SBC would have had \$6.85 million more for Cooperative Program causes than it has.

"If we had just given 25 cents more through the Cooperative Program — 25 cents per member you could meet all the agency requests" and do a lot more, he noted. Only a few hours before he spoke, 18 agencies of the SBC had requested a total of \$36.4 million for operating needs, but only \$34 million was expected to be available.

Cooper referred to the annual "financial allocation" session of the Executive Committee, saying there is understandable "competition" between each of the 18 agencies as to "how big a slice of the pie they get."

Cooper strongly disagreed with the concept that there is only a "fixed" amount of money available for all causes, and when you allocate funds for one cause, there is less money for other causes thus causing competition for the "fixed" amount of money.

"I believe that compared with the giving patterns we have had in the past there is a relatively unlimited amount of money available to Southern Baptist causes if Southern Baptists are properly informed, motivated and approached." There is a lot of extra money in the pockets of laymen and they don't know what to do with it and the church is not telling them what to do with it, he argued.

The challenge to the churches, he

said, is to magnify the biblical basis of stewardship — the tithe — and the challenge to SBC leaders is to increase the size of the Cooperative Program pie to provide more money for all.

It is my firm belief that in a church where the pastor believes in the Cooperative Program, where the deacons support it, where the laymen promote it, where the congregation is educated and knowledgeable of mission needs, and where the Cooperative Program is personalized, you will have a church that understands the Cooperative Program, that gives through the Cooperative Program, and that supports the Cooperative Program.

Laymen Urged To Bring Wives To Evangelism Meet

Mrs. G. C. Stubblefield, well-known churchwomen of Jackson and member of First Baptist Church will be one of the speakers at the statewide Lay Evangelism Conference to be held at First Baptist Church Friday and Saturday of this week, Mar. 2-3.

Mrs. Stubblefield will speak at 10 a.m. Saturday on "Women in Evangelism."

While it is primarily a layman's conference, the men are being urged to bring their wives, as the place and importance of women in evangelism will be discussed by Mrs. Stubblefield, according to Rev. E. L. Howell, director of the Brotherhood Department and Rev. Roy Collum, secretary of the Evangelism Department, co-sponsors of the conference.

The conference will begin at 6:45 Friday evening and adjourn at noon Saturday.



Hospital Seminar Held

The annual Pastoral Care of the Ill Seminar was held at Baptist Hospital Feb. 20, sponsored by the hospital and the Christian Action Commission. In top photo are seen several leaders, from left; seated: Rev. Gordon Shambarger, hospital chaplain, who presided at morning session; Miss Marie Hoffman, director of Social Service Department, University Medical Center, on program; Mrs. Katherine Feldman, hostess Baptist Hospital, on program; Dr. Don Corley, director of Pastoral Care Baptist Hospital, Baptist Medical Center, Little Rock. Standing: Rev. Mel Craft, pastor Tyertown Baptist Church, registrant; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director of Christian Action Commission, who presided at afternoon session; Dr. Dudley Wilson, pastor Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, on program, and Rev. Billy McKay, pastor Madison Baptist Church, on program. Lower photo shows seminar in session.

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Annie Armstrong Easter Offering For Home Missions



March 4-11 Southern Baptists go to prayer for the work of their Home Mission Board. Part of the prayer must be for financial resources. If prayers for a \$6,600,000 Annie Armstrong Offering are answered, the home missions budget will be adequate to maintain more than 2,200 missionaries and their work.

1. "Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage. . . ." "The nations" are not necessarily separated by political borders—they live in our own country. The Densmore Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida, has reached out to one nation with a Filipino Fellowship, with members shown here with a handcraft project. The Home Mission Board reaches more than thirty ethnic groups. The Annie Armstrong Offering will provide \$1,700,000 for language missions work.

2. "The nations" live among the seething masses of the cities. Here missionary Phyllis Merritt works with Oriental children—among the 25,000 residents of Lefrak City in New York City. Christian social ministries such as these will be covered by a \$795,000 allocation from the Annie Armstrong Offering.

3. New churches where "the nations" are—a primary goal of home missions. Beaverton, Oregon, First Baptist Church, is the result of home missions investments of the past. Here Cathy Pemberton, a student summer missionary, teaches children who have come to the church. Church extension stands to receive a boost of \$1,040,000 from the Annie Armstrong Offering.

4. "The nations" include a vast population of Spanish-speaking people. The Home Mission Board in cooperation with Woman's Missionary Union publishes materials for Spanish-speaking Baptists. An allocation of \$45,000 will help support the work of Doris Diaz, who edits *Nuestra Tarea*, the WMU magazine for Spanish-speaking women.

5. Lamar Slade, a student summer missionary appointed by the Texas Baptist Student Union, conducts a small-scale backyard Vacation Bible School in Madison, Wisconsin. An allocation of \$250,000 will place almost one thousand student missionaries on the field next summer.

6. Special ministries ministries will receive the last \$90,000 of the \$6,600,000 goal. The funds will support such projects as a coffeehouse in Lincoln City, Oregon, where James Shoemaker, student summer missionary, and Mary Bean, a student supported by her *Tupelo, Mississippi* church, worked last year.

7. Evangelism projects on the drawing board include ministries to young people who spend holidays on the nation's beaches. These young people are training for beach evangelism at First Baptist Church, Daytona Beach, Florida. Evangelism projects will receive \$200,000 of the Annie Armstrong Offering.

8. "The nations" include millions of people who cannot speak, read, or write English. Some of these are internationals or members of ethnic groups; some are ordinary Anglo-Saxons who have had no opportunity for schooling. One Christian social ministry of home missions is to teach such people. Here Mrs. Thurmon Allred, wife of the associational superintendent of missions, teachers in Concord, North Carolina.—Home Mission Board Photos

SBC Committee Sets \$35,000,000 Cooperative Program Budget

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parts, one-third to foreign missions, one-third to home missions, and one-third to all other agencies at a rate the program subcommittee will determine.

An effort to amend the motion to increase the allocation to the SBC Brotherhood Commission by \$140,000 failed after short, spirited debate. Only about half a dozen committee members supported the amendment.

Norvell Jones, a chemical company executive from St. Louis, Mo., and chairman of the Executive Committee's finance subcommittee, made the proposal for the increase and asked for the \$140,000 to be added to the total budget, increasing the total goal. Chiding the Executive Committee for "having too little faith," Jones said the agency for Baptist men and boys needed "seed money" to motivate the lay persons in the pew to larger commitments in giving, and deeper involvement in missions and the denomination.

The program subcommittee had reached agreement on the budget proposal after five hours of discussions, and after hours of homework studying a 176-page book explaining the budget requested mailed to members a month earlier.

In formal presentations to the Executive Committee, Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, cited the need for increased funds to offset dollar devaluation in countries where SBC missionaries are on assignment, and to appoint another 250 new missionaries.

Seminary spokesmen pointed out low faculty salaries and poor average expenditures per student ratios in their request for funds.

During 1971-72, Baptists spent \$1,601 per seminary student, while American Baptists spent \$4,819 and Episcopalians spent \$5,681, the representatives said.

Among the needs cited by the Home Mission Board were 90 new language culture congregations, the agency

hopes to start, an expanded program of work with National Baptists, and an emphasis on establishing new churches and church-type missions.

Other allocations approved by the Executive Committee included: Annuity Board \$175,000, the same as last year; Southern Baptist Foundation, \$85,000, up \$3,400; American Baptist Seminary, \$95,000, same as last year; Christian Life Commission, \$289,734, up \$12,734; Evangelical Mission, \$151,020, up \$9,270; Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, \$134,240, an increase of \$8,240; and the SBC Historical Commission, \$128,913, up \$7,913.

In another major action, the Executive Committee voted to begin next July on a trial basis a new process for proposing the annual budget which would call for hearings in September. Executive Committee meeting for budget increases by the agencies, rather than in February under the current procedure.

In January, there would be additional meetings when agency executives and staff members could discuss in detail with the program subcommittee their budget requests. The final budget proposal would be finalized for recommendation to the convention in February.

Lay Participation Encouraged

In order to encourage greater lay participation in the annual convention, the Executive Committee voted to encourage churches to pay, or share, expenses of lay persons attending annual convention sessions, as well as the pastor.

Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, told the group that results of a survey of lay leadership in SBC churches had disclosed that financial assistance in going to the convention was a more important factor in determining their attendance than was the date of the convention. About 65 per cent said they would prefer the convention to start on Monday or Tuesday rather than sessions during a weekend, he said.

Four program statements changes

were approved for recommendation to the convention, dealing with the work of the Seminary Extension Department, Sunday School Board, Brotherhood Commission, and Home Mission Board. A revised charter for the Radio-TV Commission was also approved.

The executive Committee also recommended the theme, "Let Christ's Freedom Ring," for SBC emphasis during the years 1975-76, pending convention approval.

A resolution adopted by the Executive Committee expressed gratitude for the 50-year ministry of T. A. Patterson, who retires Dec. 31 as executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the SBC's largest state convention. Patterson has held the position for 13 years, the longest continuous term of service of any who have filled the Texas position.

In another action, the Executive Committee voted to recommend

a SBC operating budget of \$666,000, an increase of \$68,000 over the 1972-73 budget.

Two long-range studies were approved, one authorizing consultants to conduct space utilization studies of agencies requesting capital funds, and another authorizing development of a new formula for allocation and distribution of Cooperative Program funds to the six seminaries.

Morgan Speaks To Committee

The president of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board predicted here government regulations will be enacted this year covering private pension plans, possibly including those offered by religious denominations.

Speaking to the SBC Executive Committee, Darold H. Morgan of Dallas said it was impossible to say yet what the nature and extent of such regulation would be.

He said failures in a number of private pension plans in industry and in

labor unions has focused legislative attention on the need for regulation.

Since the Annuity Board, which offers retirement protection for SBC pastors and for church and denominational workers, is fully funded, it may be less affected by such regulation, Morgan continued.

"Fully funded" means the board holds sufficient funds in trust for its participants and annuitants to assure them of retirement income based on the amount of money they have contributed to a retirement program.

According to Morgan, the government will be primarily interested in "vesting" and "portability" of retirement plans.

"Vesting" means the person participating in a retirement plan has a right in the funds which are being put up in his name toward retirement, funds which will remain his throughout the future.

"Portability," according to the Annuity Board president, means a per-

son changing places of employment carries his accruing pension rights with him as he moves from one job to another, and does not risk losing them by making a change.

Called To Pharsalia

On February 4, Rev. William Hudson was ordained to the gospel ministry by North Batesville Church, Panola Association, Rev. E. V. Gynn, pastor of North Batesville, was moderator. Rev. Lee Hudson, brother to the candidate and former pastor of North Batesville, preached the ordination sermon.

Mr. Hudson, native of Panola County, is married to the former Edna Morrow. He has been called to the Pharsalia Church, Panola Association. This is his first pastorate which was also the first pastorate of his brother, Rev. Lee Hudson.

Rev. Lee Hudson is pastor of Carrollton Church.

Cooper Urges Funding For Missions Volunteers

The president of the Southern Baptist Convention has urged his fellow-members to come to the aid of home missions volunteers who cannot be appointed because funds are lacking.

Owen Cooper, layman from Yazoo City, said that the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions, now being amassed by Southern Baptists, could easily supply funds needed for volunteers asking for appointment.

Cooper said, "We have a ready opportunity to remedy the strategic spiritual and moral needs in our country. We have had qualified, trained Baptists asking to be home missionaries. We must make the money available to put these to work."

Cooper challenged Southern Baptists to upgrade their per capita support of home missions. Last year home missions income from the Co-

operative Program amounted to less than 50 cents per Southern Baptist. Less than 50 cents more per capita come from the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

President Cooper said, "If we upgrade the gifts to the Easter Offering even 10 cents per capita, we would have more than a million additional dollars to apply to the spiritual problems of our country."

If Southern Baptists take Cooper's challenge seriously, they will surpass the national goal of \$6,600,000 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Home Mission Board staff members already have in hand advance plans which can go into effect as soon as the offering passes its maintenance goal.

Church extension would get a big boost from offering overage, according to Jack Redford, secretary of the

Church Extension Department of the HMB. This department would use funds to plant twenty new churches a year for five years in the Great Lakes area and would launch work in the two state capitals where Southern Baptists are currently not ministering. Redford also says that aid to mission pastors in eight state conventions needs to be increased if funds come in.

Paul Adkins, head of the Christian Social Ministries Department of the mission board, has an eye on the Bronx in New York City. Over-the-goal funds would help employ a director of Christian social ministries to work out of the Bronx Baptist Church and its Wake Eden Chapel. The new missionary would introduce new ministries such as housing improvement, job training, day care, youth clubs, tutoring, and help for

the aging.

If dreams for the Easter Offering come true, Don Hammonds and the Special Missions Ministries arm of the HMB would add impetus to outreach in beach and resort areas. Strategies would include employment of a field missionary to help states and associations move into special ministries. Training conferences costing \$20,000 could be launched. Forty additional student summer missionaries could be dispatched to special missions areas—the employment costing \$35,000.

The home missions offering last year enjoyed a near-record increase of 13 percent above the previous year. This rate of increase would have to be exceeded in order to bring in Cooper's envisioned million and to exceed the offering goal.

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EDITORIAL

A Million Dollars For Missions

Mississippi Baptists gave more than a million dollars for foreign missions in the Lottie Moon Offering last December. As of last Friday more than \$1,048,000 had been received in the Convention Board offices for this great mission offering. There should be rejoicing all over the state for this is the first time the Mississippi gifts have topped the million mark. This is Mississippi's part in the great SBC goal of more than \$18,000,000 in this offering.

However, Mississippi Baptists, along with Southern Baptists, already are thinking of another great offering, one which is ready to be taken right now. That is the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions which is made in connection with the Week of Prayer for Home Missions to be observed in Southern Baptist churches everywhere across the nation next week.

The convention-wide goal in this offering is not as high, being \$6,600,000. This is an increase of less than 10% over the nearly \$6,060,000 which was given last year.

Mississippi Baptists gave more than \$325,000 in the Home Missions special offering last March. A 10% increase would make this offering this year well above \$365,000. Wouldn't it bring even greater joy in heaven, and in our own hearts, if our gifts were nearer to \$400,000 this time? This is not an impossible goal, and it certainly is greatly needed. We hope that every church in the state will pray and give to help make it possible. Since this is a spe-

cial love offering it can be made without taking one cent from the Cooperative Program.

The theme scripture for this year's Week of Prayer is "Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage and the ends of the earth your possession" (Psalm 2:8). The first words of that verse "Ask of me..." form the watchword for the WMU for 1972-73.

Surely, as the weeks of prayer are observed all over the nation next week, we can ask God to enable Southern Baptists to do their part in the great witness to all of America which the convention is giving through its Home Mission Board. We can pray for the board and we can ask God to enable us to give so generously that it will have the financial resources to carry out the tasks assigned to it by the Lord and by the convention.

Southern Baptists can thank God for their Home Mission Board. From the very beginning of the convention's history, this board has been active, and its ministry is more far reaching today than ever before. More than 2200 missionaries serve now all over America, and there are calls for many more. The board reports that it has candidates ready, whose appointment and beginning of service awaits only the giving of Southern Baptists which will make support possible.

There may be a feeling on the part of many of us who live in a state like Mississippi, where Baptist churches are found everywhere that people

live, that the needs of America surely should have been met by now. Those persons who believe that simply have not moved out across the nation to see the great cities where masses of people have no Baptist witness, and often no evangelical witness at all; or into areas where there are towns and small cities without a Baptist witness, and sometimes with no evangelical churches of any kind. The individual who thinks the task is done has forgotten the opportunities for work with language groups, with National Baptists, with small and discouraged churches, with changing rural areas, etc. The challenge to the Home Mission Board has never been greater.

Southern Baptists through the years, have been clear in the task they have assigned to the Home Mission Board. Its ministry has changed with the changing times, and expanded as the denomination and the nation have grown. Its basic ministry, however, has not changed, and it still is to make central to all of its ministries, a witness to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, the one hope for all men, and the establishment of New Testament churches to bear that witness to men everywhere.

Southern Baptists have opportunity to undergird this board in a special way, through this annual week of prayer and offering. Let us, as Mississippi Baptists, do our part in doing a great thing for God in this offering next week.

Baptist Leaders Meet The Press

One of the most popular news features of television and radio is "Meet the Press," where prominent national leaders meet representatives of the press for open discussion of national issues.

Southern Baptists had a "Meet the Press" week before last at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association in Biloxi.

There representatives of five areas of Southern Baptist life spoke before the editors of the state papers and other members of the Southern Baptist Press Association, and faced panels of editors who reacted to the messages they had brought and directed questions relative to that area of Southern Baptist ministry. After this there were questions and dialogue with the whole group present.

The format was not exactly the same as the TV and radio program, since speeches were given first by the guests, but the results were the same as the national program. Open and frank discussion resulted, and the dialogue was illuminating and refreshing.

The program committee for the Press Association meeting had adopted the theme of an "In Depth Look at our Denomination." Five areas of work were chosen and agency leaders, pastors and other speakers were invited to participate. SBC work discussed included Organization, Christian Education, Social Action, Seminary Training and Missions. The resultant program proved to be one of the finest the organization has had in many years.

Space forbids our presenting even a gist of all that was said at the meeting but we can report that the dialogue was open and frank, and every issue was faced with honesty and candor. The questions probed into numerous issues since there is nothing in Southern Baptist life that is hidden, or that is so sacrosanct that it cannot be openly questioned, discussed and even criticized.

We do want to give an example or two of how issues were faced. In the discussion on theological education, Dr. Grady Cothen of New Orleans Seminary was asked what he would say to the charges that the seminaries are "liberal." He explained the difficulty of defining the word, but recognized that the charge usually has reference to theological position. He stated that he could speak only for the institution to which he was related, and then said, "New Orleans Seminary is conservative." He added, "If you hear of liberalism there, call me, or come to see me, and give us a chance to investigate to see whether the charge is justified." Dr. Cothen made clear in further statements that he did not mean that the institution is "fundamental with a capital 'F'" but that it is a Bible-believing, Bible-centered institution. Some of us present, felt that such frankness and such positiveness on the part of heads of all of our seminaries could eliminate much of the criticism that has come concerning some of them.

A similar frankness was presented by Dr. James L. Sullivan of the Sunday School Board as he outlined the guidelines which the Board seeks to follow in its production of curriculum materials for Christian education (the word was used in the general sense of Sunday school, etc.). He discussed Biblical soundness, relevance, comprehensiveness, balance, sequence, flexibility, adaptability and correlation. He made clear that the Board is seeking to keep its materials second to none in their presentation. Dr. Sullivan said that if one were seeking to positionize Southern Baptists between the right and left (conservatism and liberalism) theologically, that Southern Baptists would have to be placed to the right of center. He illustrated with the idea of a bell-shaped figure, with a small part classifying itself as theologically, more "progressive" in thinking than the main section, and a small part more "fundamentalist," but the great mass as mid-

dle of the road conservatives. The convention as a whole, however, is to the right of center and must be identified as conservative. He said that right now the whole bell may be leaning a little further to the right. He made it clear that the purpose of the Sunday School Board is to produce materials that fit in with this Bible-believing, Christ-centered, church-building conservative position.

Similar openness and honesty characterized the discussions on convention organization and program, social ministries, and missions. It proved to be one of the most stimulating and helpful programs the Press Association has had since this editor has been attending.

After sitting through and sharing in these sessions, we came away with a new appreciation and gratitude for the leadership which God has given to Southern Baptists, and also with new encouragement that the convention is staying in the center of the conservatism which has so long characterized it. This does not mean that there are not problems, and that sometimes disturbing issues raise their heads, but basically the convention program has not changed. Furthermore, such open and frank discussion with opinion-makers such as the editors, and through them, with the people themselves, will help keep that conservative stance. Leaders will understand what the churches want, and the churches will know what the leaders are saying and doing. Only such openness and honesty can keep our channels of communication clear, and our fellowship unbroken.

I came away echoing the words of another editor, spoken at the close of the conference. This meeting has made more more proud than ever of being a Southern Baptist."

Those are my sentiments.

WHO IS THIS MAN JESUS? (Tyndale Books and Gospel Light Publications, paper, \$1.45, 275 pp.) Here is the complete story of Jesus' life on earth told in one continuous narrative, from the Living Bible, a single account of all the events recorded by the four Gospel writers — without omission, without duplication. The text is a paraphrase and not an exact translation. However, the only changes in the text are those required to show the passage of time or the change of location. In the account of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the pronouns have been changed from first to third person to provide a uniformity of style. Dates and maps are included. The book is taken from Living Gospels by Kenneth N. Taylor, published by Tyndale House, 1968.

THE MAN WHO SHOOK THE WORLD by John Pollock (Scripture Press, paper, \$1.95, 244 pp.) This is the first paperback reprint of the remarkable, dramatic biography originally titled, **THE APOSTLE: A LIFE OF PAUL**. Mr. Pollock, Cambridge-educated clergyman who since 1958 "has preached with his pen," is author of **A FOREIGN DEVIL IN CHINA**; the authorized biography of Billy Graham; HUDSON TAYLOR AND MARIA; and other books.


Barabbas who was swapped for Him, Peter who denied Him, Simon of Cyrene who carried His cross, soldiers who humiliated Him, thieves who called out to Him, John who loved Him, the centurion who confessed Him, the Marys who mourned Him, secret disciples who buried Him, and Thomas who still doubted Him."

MEDITATIONS FOR HAPPY CHRISTIANS by James P. Wesberry (Broadman, 126 pp., \$2.95) Wesberry, pastor, Morningside Church, Atlanta, and Georgia civic leader, shows in this book how Christian happiness breaks out in many ways. He says, "Happiness is one of the Christian's birthrights. It is experienced, of course, not by being sought but through full Christian living." These fifty-eight brief, bright devotional messages are built on such topics as "Where are the Goal Posts?", "Between the Hamburgers and God"; "A Good World After All"; "Roses for the Living"; and "Why I Have Not Quit the Ministry." Dr. Wesberry is not a Pollyanna, but he is an unapologetic optimist. "If we are gloomy," he believes, "it is not because God has failed us but because we have failed God." This book is not only delightful but is also genuinely helpful and inspiring.

NEWEST BOOKS

FOR PRODIGALS AND OTHER SINNERS by Landrum P. Leavell (Broadman, Readers' Plan Selection, 128 pp.) In this book, Dr. Leavell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas, and former pastor of First, Gulfport, focuses on Christian answers for relevant problems. In these inspirational messages he discusses some universal subjects such as fear, trouble, unhappiness, and worry — and provides Bible texts to show how to deal victoriously with each. The nine chapter titles are The Prodigal Son, The Other Sinner, The Shepherd's Psalm, God's Cure for Delinquency, When Trouble Comes, Ingredients for Happiness, Facing our Fears, The Holy Spirit and You, and Why Worry?

PERSONS OF THE PASSION by R. Earl Allen (Broadman, a Readers' Plan Selection, 128 pp.) Dr. Allen, Texas pastor, describes some of the personalities surrounding Jesus — persons who were there as Jesus was arrested and tried, as he was crucified and buried, and as he arose. He tells the inspiring stories of "priests who framed Him, Judas who betrayed Him, Herod who mocked Him, Pilate who sentenced Him, Pilate's wife who feared Him,



ASK OF ME...
and I will make the nations your heritage
and the ends of the earth your possession.
Psalm 2:8

The 1973 goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions is \$6,600,000

The mission field that is America—sprawling urban complexes without churches, millions without Christ, others with special hurting needs—presents a challenge for creative efforts to make discipleship real. This offering supports more than half of Southern Baptists' national missions. It also holds the promise of new achievements because of the prayers, financial support and missionary volunteers that are a part of its emphasis.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Mississippian Involved In Seaman's Ministry

Dear Sir:

I am writing in regard to the article in the Feb. 22 issue of the Baptist Record concerning the seaman's ministry of the First Baptist Church, Lacey, Washington. The man who is currently serving as pastor of this church is a native Mississippian, Rev. Harry L. Hannah, who was born and reared at Sturgis, Mississippi, and who was converted and baptized in the Sturgis Baptist Church. He received his education at Clarke College and Mississippi College in this state and at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. His father, Erskine Hannah, at the age of 85 years is still a faithful member of the Sturgis Baptist Church where he has been a deacon for about a half century.

Rev. Hannah did not institute this ministry; it was being done when he went to this church about a year ago. He has heartily supported and encouraged this; we have several letters from him with something of the same things in the articles. He has also pastored West Side, Macon, and Bethesda near Fayette in this state. He is on the picture at the bottom of page 2 of the Feb. 22 BR. back row at the extreme left.

Rev. B. B. McGee
Pastor, Concord Baptist Church
Ackerman, Mississippi

King's Daughters Maintain Natchez Home For Unwed Mothers

Dear Sir:

Recently some of your ministers have contacted us for information on our maternity home in Natchez. They find the Baptist home in New Orleans cannot always take the girls they have that need help.

My minister suggested that I write and ask you to put this information in the Baptist Record, since all the ministers read the Record.

The King's Daughters Maternity Home is a non-profit home maintained by the Mississippi Branch of The King's Daughters and Sons. This home is for unwed white girls who have not previously had a child. We prefer the girls arriving during the first few months, but they may come at any time. For further information, please contact:

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Missionary To Africa Appreciates Miss. Baptist Hospital

The Management of
The Mississippi Baptist Hospital,
Jackson, Miss. 39201

Our Dear Ones In The Lord—

I just want to express our appreciation for the wonderful care and consideration that you and the staff have shown to my wife, Dorothy L. [Name], who was a patient of Dr. John Caden in your hospital from Dec. 13 to Jan. 19. We are amazed that the Lord has provided for this operation and has given us so many wonderful Christian friends at such a time as this.

My wife and I have served as missionaries in many parts of Africa for some 35 years and at present as we serve in South Africa we are affiliated with the S. A. Baptist churches and not only attend these churches but we have a very active part working with them and often filling the pulpits when needed.

My daughter, who is also in Durban, South Africa, is doing a marvelous children's work among the Baptist churches, especially in an area called "The Bluff." We are grateful to all who made this operation possible and



A Woman's World Reaches Far
Beyond the Ironing Board
—Wilda Fancher—

After living in pastoriums for over twenty years, we now have a house of our own. We are learning fast! There's a lot involved in owning a house. I can already see that apartment living for us as retirees will have its advantages — but not until after grandchildren have outgrown visits to Granny's. Course, we don't even have any married children yet.

Right now I'm having fun planning all the things I want to do to our house when time, money, and energy permit. However, while windows may wait for curtains, and walls for paper and paint, yards don't wait for anything. They just grow all over the place; consequently, back in the fall I tied in with what I thought was a bank of honeysuckle. It was most surprising after I hacked away at and unsnarled about a mile of the stuff to find some pine trees inside the mass of vine.

Why I decided to save those trees, I don't know, when I think of the tons of pine straw we've handled since moving.

But I did. Carefully and tenderly, I removed every snarling wisp of vine but those spindling saplings, and one day they'll be big trees.

They made me think of people. No telling what good we'll find in a lot of people if we'll just get on beyond the "honeysuckle."

It has given my wife a new incentive to return to the field of service and continue to serve the Lord Jesus Christ as He so wills.

We weren't prepared for such an operation and were planning to return to Durban without it, BUT GOD in His marvelous way has done exceeding abundantly above all that we could ask or think. We do not have insurance, hospitalization, White Cross, or Blue Cross, but as I often said, we do know the One Who died on the Cross and He has made the difference, not only in our lives, but also providing our every need (Phil. 4:19). The Lord willing, we are returning to the field of service just as soon as Dorothy Losier is able to go and we shall never forget Jackson, Mississippi, as long as we live. You have given Dorothy a new lease on life and in His service.

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To get collective bargaining, men engage in collective loafing.

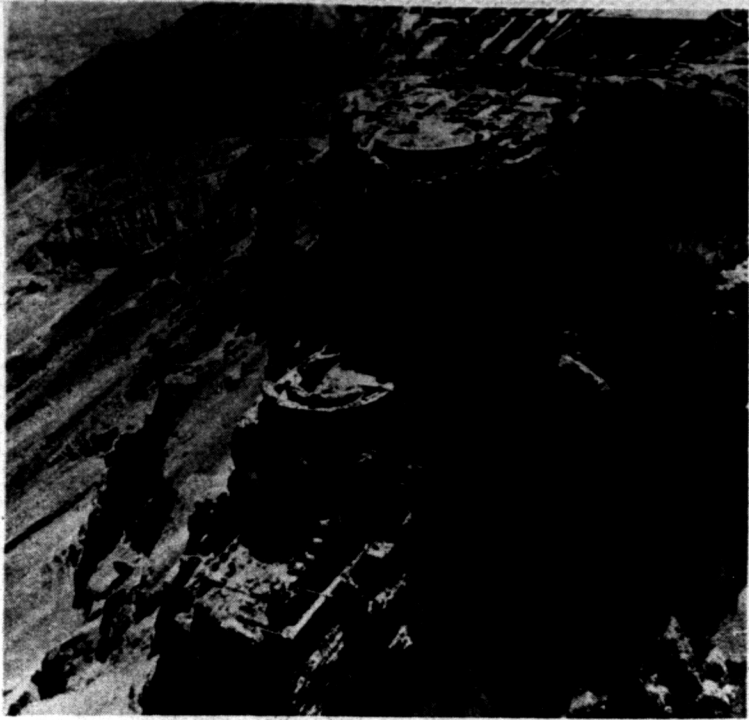
"Soft soap" in the pulpit will not cleanse the sinner in the pew.

You can't change human nature, but perhaps you can improve it.

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Massada, famed fortress rock, down by the Dead Sea, where Herod built temples, and where 960 Jewish people killed themselves rather than be captured by the Romans.

World Jewish Population Is Set At 14,236,420

NEW YORK (RNS) — There are 14,236,420 Jews in the world today, according to the 1972 edition of the American Jewish Year Book.

The volume, which is published jointly by the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Publication Society of America, states that the United States has a higher Jewish population than any other country — approximately 6,060,000 in all.

Volume 73 of the annual series also shows Israel to be third in the world Jewish population figures, with a total of 2,632,000. Second is the Soviet Union, with a total of 2,641,000.

Jewish population in the United States has grown at an annual rate of 1.07 per cent over the past years, according to Alvin Chemkin, supervisor of the Statistics Unit of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, who assembled the U. S. figures.

This percentage, he said, is comparable to the annual growth rate of the total resident population of the United States from 1968 to 1971.

The proportion of the total resident population of the U. S. that is estimated to be Jewish remained at 2.94 per cent, Mr. Chemkin reported.

Areas and cities reporting a major increase in their Jewish populations since 1968 included Miami and Hollywood, Fla.; Orange County, Calif.; Philadelphia and Lower Bucks County, Pa.; Lynn, Mass. and the District of Columbia. Greater New York has the largest Jewish population, with a total of 2,381,000.

Of Europe's more than 4 million Jews, 2,850,000 are in Communist countries, according to Leon Shapiro, associate professor of Russian-Jewish history at Rutgers University, who compiled the overseas figures. Smallest Jewish population in Europe is in Ireland, with a total of 5,400; largest, outside the Soviet Union, is in Rumania, with 100,000.

In the Americas, outside the United States, Jewish population figures range from 5,300 in Peru to 500,000 in Argentina.

India, with 15,000 and Iran, with 80,000 are the only major Asian centers of Jewish population. Only five African countries have substantial Jewish populations — South Africa, 117,900; Morocco, 35,000; Ethiopia, 12,000; Tunisia, 8,000; and Rhodesia, 5,200.

Australia has 72,000 Jews; New Zealand has 5,000.

Jewish populations of some major world cities are: Amsterdam, 12,000;

Brussels, 24,500; Casablanca, 22,000; Glasgow, 13,400; Haifa, 210,000; Jerusalem, 266,000; Kiev, 220,000; London, 280,000; Moscow, 285,000; Nice, 20,000; Paris, 300,000; Rome, 150,000; Santiago, 30,000, and Toronto, 97,000.

Lay Witness Mission Manuals Prepared

MEMPHIS (BP) — Two preparation manuals for helping Southern Baptist churches conduct lay witness missions have been edited by James E. Johnson, director of the lay ministries department of the Brotherhood Commission.

They are Lay Witness Mission for adults and youth in a Lay Witness Mission.

The 48-page book for adults describes the lay witness mission experience and gives advice to the 15 church committees it recommends for the activity.

The committees are welcome and transportation, housing, publicity, food, correspondence, follow-up, prayer, literature, attendance, coffee hostess, visitation, youth, children, nursery, and finance.

Beginning with a definition of lay witness mission, the book outlines five benefits of a lay witness experience. They are: a new depth of Christian love and fellowship, a focus on personal commitment, deeper desire for involvement in the life of the church, total membership visitation, and a new picture of the church for each participant.

Johnson said the manual was adapted from information prepared by Ben Johnson of Atlanta, a pioneer in developing the lay witness mission concept during the last 10 years.

The second book, prepared specially for the leader of youth, was written by Bruce Mitchell of St. Louis, a Methodist layman and adapted for Southern Baptists.

In a foreword, Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, commends the concept of lay witness mission to Southern Baptists as "an approach to Christian witness and ministry whose time has come."

A Visit To Israel—III

Memories Of Israel

An Editorial Report

All of us have heard the term, "Memories of Galilee," and we are sure that any person who visits the Bible lands will have many unforgettable memories of the sea of Galilee and of many other places. How can one forget this beautiful sea where our Lord lived and worked, and upon whose waters he walked? How, moreover, can one forget Gethsemane, the Temple area, the Garden Tomb, the Mount of Olives, Jordan, the Valley of Jezreel, Caesarea Philippi, Bethlehem, Nazareth, or the hills of Galilee? To one who loves the Bible, and then walks in these places, there come unforgettable experiences which will live with him always. We could write of all of them here, but space forbids our doing it, since their story has so often been told.

There are, however, some other experiences which etch themselves into the memories of those who visit the land today. I want to speak of three of those places.

The Shrine of the Book

At the Israel Museum in Jerusalem one stands before an unusual white dome, which covers underground vaults, where are kept some of the precious Dead Sea Scrolls, the ancient manuscripts which were discovered in caves down near the Dead Sea. Some of these manuscripts date to periods before Christ. In the very center of the Shrine, immediately under the dome, is the scroll of the book of Isaiah. This is a complete manuscript and has been dated to a period before Christ. Scholars have discovered that the text of this scroll is faithful in every way to the present Masoretic text of Isaiah. Our guide called it perhaps the most valuable archeological find of history. As I stood looking at it four years ago, a member of the party who is an Hebrew scholar, said, as he read it, "This is exactly like the Hebrew text we use today." This proves what conservative scholars long have contended, that God has preserved His Word through the centuries. As one stands here looking at this portion of the Scripture, and as he stands at Qumran down by the Dead Sea, and the cave where this scroll was found is pointed out to him, he finds his heart stirred with gratitude to God, both for those He used to write His Word, and also for the way He has preserved it so that we have it today.

Yad VaShem

One site in Jerusalem which is not Biblical, still will be retained in the mind of any person who ever visits it. This is Yad VaShem, the memorial erected in commemoration of those Jewish martyrs who died in the Nazi holocaust in World War II. The chamber inside the building contains the

ashes of unknown Jewish martyrs, and a burning flame, called the "Light of Remembrance." On the floor is inscribed the names of the most notorious extermination camps. An adjacent library and archives buildings contains many photographs and records of those who died. Outside in a garden-like setting are rows of trees planted to honor non-Jews who aided the suffering people in this time of trouble, and a memorial spire. One cannot visit this place without sensing a new depth of understanding of the suffering of a people, and finding a prayer in his own heart, that such atrocities never may happen again.

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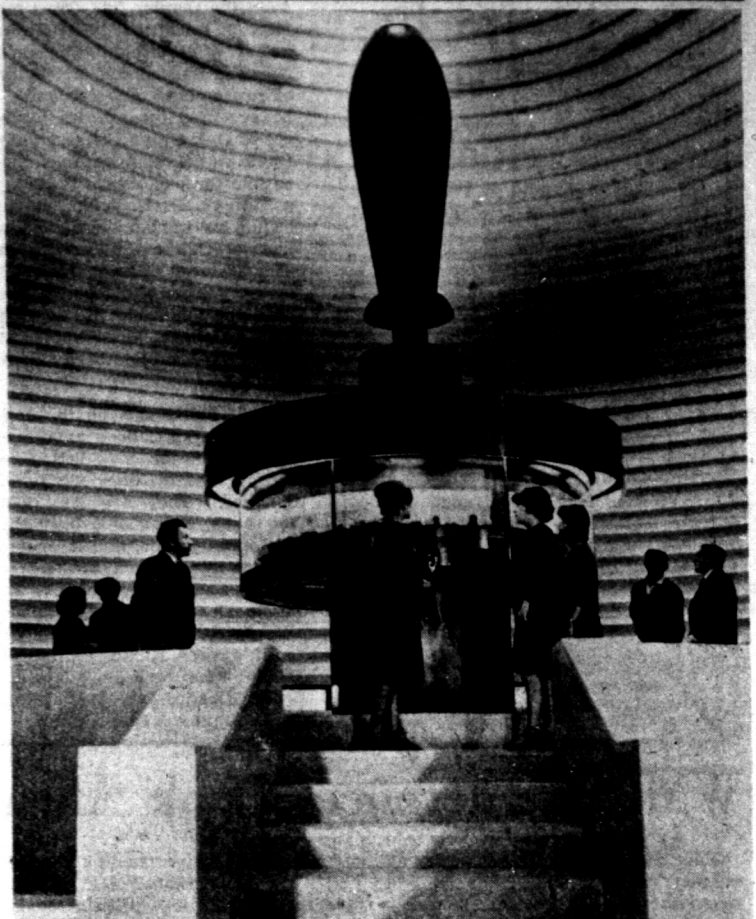
Present-day visitors to Israel have the privilege of easy access to a scene of Jewish history, which formerly was reached only with great difficulty. This is Massada, a natural fortress in the Judean Desert, by the shores of the Dead Sea. It is now reached by a modern highway, and a cable car quickly carries one to the top. The boat-shaped rock rises abruptly, almost perpendicularly, above its surroundings, to a height of about 1300 feet. King Herod, who was famed as a builder, erected palaces and fortifications on top of this rock. It was held by the Romans for years, but apparently came to be considered of no great importance to them. In the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. and the ravage of the people by the Roman garrisons, a courageous group of 960 Jewish people escaped and took refuge on the mountain fortress of Massada. Roman forces moved against them, and the siege lasted seven months, before the Roman armies could build a ramp to reach the top of the fortress. When they did reach it, they found that the 960 defenders had chosen to kill themselves rather than submit to Roman capture. All the Romans found were two women and five children who had hidden in caves and had not died. Today, as one walks among the excavations of the castles and fortresses, he is amazed at the ability of the builders of that day, but he is more moved by the bravery of those Jewish people who chose to die rather than surrender. Texans cry, "Remember the Alamo!" People of Israel remember Massada.

Memories

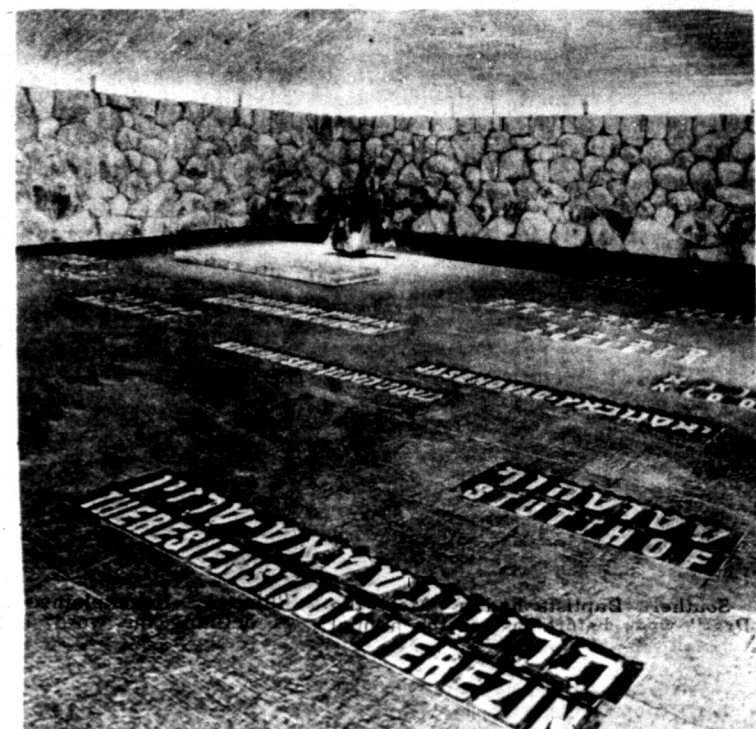
Thus we have seen a few of the many places in Israel which etch themselves in the memories of the one who visits there. We could tell about many more, for this little nation is filled with memorable places, but these are enough to reveal the richness of the experience of visiting this land of so much history, both sacred and secular.

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The Scroll of the Book of Isaiah, in the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.



Interior of Yad VaShem, the memorial to Jews martyred by Hitler, showing the Light of Remembrance, and the names of principal extermination camps listed on the floor.

Miss. Baptist Hospital Develops Intensive-Care Facility In Nursery For Rescue Of Babies Who Are Born Acutely Ill

Mississippi Baptist Hospital has developed a new intensive-care facility in its nursery for immediate rescue of babies born acutely ill.

Hospital administrator Paul J. Pryor said the new unit is one of only two such units in the state — the other being located at the University Medical Center.

"Our unit," said Pryor, "is capable of providing intensive neonatal care for premature babies with respiratory distress, as well as for any other critically ill infant."

The development of the new unit, he added, is "still another step in our program to provide a comprehensive scope of services throughout the hospital."

Pryor said the new unit includes an IVAC machine, an Ohio Intensive Care Unit, a "Babybird" respirator, and isolette units — "all of the most modern design."

"Already," said Pryor, "we have had a dramatic procedure on a baby girl born with a defective bowel — a procedure never before performed in this hospital. The new equipment made it possible for physicians to perform internal surgery on the infant within 24 hours of her birth."

The Ohio Intensive Care Unit, said Pryor, "goes beyond the ability of previous units in providing maximum care to high-risk newborns. Because of its unique structure, the infant's body temperature can be maintained without the use of an exterior case. This is a definite advantage, because the exterior case limits the doctor's movements in his care of the infant."

Attached to the special unit is a cardiac monitor which constantly emits sheets of cardiac information on a long roll of paper, thus providing the medical team with constant and accurate analysis of the heart function of the newborn baby.

The "Babybird," said Pryor, is a special respirator used to counteract respiratory distress, especially hyaline membrane disease, the cause of which is unknown.

"Bob Wall, our director of respiratory therapy, and many others have worked diligently in providing respiratory care for these high-risk newborns," said Pryor.

The Intensive Care Nursery also includes seven isolettes — specially designed units for high-risk newborns, including premature infants. These units maintain body temperature at proper levels while the infant's weight increases to normal standards.

The IVAC machine, said Pryor, played a vital role in the rescue of the baby with the faulty bowel. The defect, he said, had caused peritonitis, resulting in a massively distended abdomen which, in turn, caused difficulty in breathing.

The surgery lasted for 90 minutes.

As a result of the surgery, direct formula feeding was impossible, and the infant's weight dropped from eight to six pounds. The hospital began a direct feeding through the infant's veins (hyperalimentation), and she began to regain the lost weight.

The IVAC machine then came into play by maintaining a steady flow and an accurate intake of fluids for the ill child.

These procedures were used until the baby was able to take regular formula orally, and the baby's weight was up to nine pounds when she was discharged from the hospital.

The hyperalimentation feedings were prepared in the hospital pharmacy by six registered pharmacists, under direction of doctors on the case. Pharmacists Jim Boyd,

Bill Byrd, Gail Gladney, Dan Ishee, Bill Flynn and Jerry Berch prepared the formula in the pharmacy's special clean-air center, and maintenance of sterile conditions for the preparation was vital. The formula had to be used within 48 hours, in order to assure the highest level of quality and maximum benefit to the patient.

"We think this is a dramatic example of a team effort," said Pryor. "A hospital team in action — doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists, pharmacists and many others. And first-rate equipment backing them up."

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Cope, of Jackson, are the parents of the infant (daughter Kanis) rescued by the new unit. Mrs. Cope is a nurse in the hospital's Intensive Care Unit.

Woman's Missionary Union Restructures Staff

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — The Southern Baptist Women's Missionary Union (WMU) Executive Board has restructured the program design, editing and field services staff of its national office here.

Effective February 5, the Promotion Division of WMU headquarters was renamed the Education Division, with June Whitlow becoming its director.

Alma Hunt, executive secretary of WMU, explained that the staff was reorganized to unify all aspects of work relating to age-level organizations. The four department supervisors will consult with the Education Division director to give continuity to overall program design and implementation.

The division's two former departments, editorial and field services, were cross-cut to all personnel related to a given WMU age-level in an age-level department.

Adrianne Bonham, who directed the editorial service department, and

Mary Hines, who directed the field services department, were transferred to supervisory positions in the new structure.

The general administration department will deal with overall church WMU work. Bobbie Sorrell was promoted to supervisor of this department, and Ethel Hamric will be editor of general WMU materials.

The adult department, supervised by Adrianne Bonham, will coordinate work of Margaret Bruce, Baptist Women consultant; Rosanne Osborne, editor of Baptist Women materials; Aline Fuselier, Baptist Young Women (BYW) consultant; Laurella Owens, editor of BYW materials; and Doris Diaz, language missions consultant and editor of Spanish WMU materials.

The youth department will include Evelyn Tully, Acteens consultant, and Oneta Gentry, editor of Acteens materials. The supervisor's slot for this department remains vacant at this time WMU officials said.

Mary Hines will be supervisor of

the children and preschool department. Members of the department are Mickey Martin, Girls in Action and Mission Friends consultant; Mrs. Jesse A. Tucker, editor of GA materials; and Mrs. Helen M. Allan, editor of Mission Friends materials.

Other phases of work at the Birmingham office, organized under the business Division and the Administrative Division, were unaffected by the changes.

The American Bible Society is encouraged to learn that the Scriptures are reaching people in some Communist-dominated countries. Permits were issued in 1972 for the import of 2,600 large print Czech Bibles into Czechoslovakia for distribution among the aged and those with impaired eyesight. Also, production has begun in Czechoslovakia of 37,000 copies of the four Gospels in a new Czech translation. Arrangements were completed by the Czech Bible Work, a division of the Czech Council of Churches.



Double Events At Fulton, Alabama

February 18 was a memorable day for Fulton Church, Fulton, Alabama. A new church sign was erected on Saturday, the 17th, just in time to be used in observing the seventy-fifth anniversary of the church the following day. Choir members dressed in old-time style and all the congregation shared the anniversary cake. Pastor and Mrs. John Oswald are natives of Mathiston, Mississippi. Pastor Oswald is shown above in the bottom row at extreme right.

Names In The News

Ralph W. "Chip" Turner, Jr., associate pastor, minister of education - youth at First Church, Summit, has resigned to become minister of education and assistant pastor of First Church, Slidell, Louisiana. A graduate of Louisiana College, he will graduate from New Orleans Seminary in May with a Master of Religious Education degree. Turner previously served in the Louisiana Baptist Convention as associate pastor, minister of education - youth at First Church, Farmerville, La. A native of Shreveport, he is married to the former Sandra Aymond of Baton Rouge.



Dr. John E. Barrow retired from the regular full-time ministry on January 1, 1973. (He was pastor of Bethesda Church of Neshoba Association at the time of retirement.) On February 4, he accepted the interim pastorate of Oak Grove Church of Jeff Davis Association and has moved into the parsonage. Barrow is a native Mississippian, having begun his ministry while a student at Clarke College. He has also pastored churches in Kentucky, Virginia, Alabama, Arizona and Louisiana. He attended Clarke College, Mississippi State University, and Southern Seminary.

Eight individuals on the campus of Clarke College have been included in the 1973 listing of "Who's Who in American Junior Colleges." They are Mrs. Earline Beck, widow of a Mississippi Baptist pastor, and mother of six children; Belva Booker of Meridian; William Bostick, Jr., of Zachary, La.; Robert "Rocky" Crocker, of Cleveland; Jimmy Knight of Laurel; Darby Moore, Kenai, Alaska; Netta Richardson, of Meridian; Mary Smith of Enterprise.



Aven Whittington, left, was recently presented a plaque for his service of seven years as trustee of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board, Dallas, Texas. Chairman Donald E. Bowles, right, made the presentation in Dallas. Whittington, business executive, Whittington Planting Company, Inc., Greenwood, Miss., rotated off the Board.

Temple Church of Rt. 3 Box 70, Pascagoula, voted Feb. 7 to license Frank Mowdy to the gospel ministry. He is presently serving as pastor of the junior church and bus director at Temple. He is available to supply preach. He may be contacted at Rt. 3, Pascagoula, Mississippi (Phone 588-3307).

Rev. Elie J. Woerner, pastor of Loreauville Baptist Mission in Louisiana, will be the guest speaker at Emmanuel Church, Biloxi, on March 3 and 4 in connection with the Annie Armstrong Missions emphasis. A banquet will be held on Saturday night with Woerner as speaker. He will also speak on Sunday morning at 11. Mr. Woerner is a native of France. He has served as pastor of English - language churches in France composed primarily of U. S. military personnel. In 1966, he came to America to minister among French-speaking people in southern Louisiana as state missionary. He is married to the former Glenda Smith of McLean, Texas and they have two sons.

Joe Joslin is the new minister of music and youth at Van Winkle Church, Jackson. The church welcomed him and his family to the staff on Sunday night, February 11, with a reception. Rev. H. A. Milner is the pastor.

Tony Kinton of Carthage was recently elected minister of music at Suburban Church in New Orleans.



RELAXED MOMENT — Caught in conversation after a press conference for the fourth national Abe Lincoln awards for broadcasters in Fort Worth were (from left) Dr. Fred T. Laughon of Richmond, Va., special assistant to the president of the Radio and Television Commission; Robert E. Lee of Washington, a member of the Federal Communications Commission; Barney Burkes, Pensacola, Fla., businessman, and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss. Mr. Cooper is president of the Southern Baptist Convention. The annual Abe Lincoln awards are sponsored by the Radio and Television Commission — Radio - TV Commission Photo

WMU Conferences Look Ahead To '73-74

Giant Step, a special emphasis on mission support, and other 1973-74 innovations are the topics Woman's Missionary Union conferences at Glorieta and Ridgecrest will cover this summer.

WMU Conference at Glorieta will be July 26 - August 1, and the Ridgecrest conference will be August 9-15.

Seventy missionaries, WMU staff members, and invited experts will lead various sections of each conference. Conference mornings will begin with an hour and forty - five

minutes of intensive training for officers and leaders of WMU. Special conferences will be available for all members of Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women.

Morning convocations will feature Bible meditations by Mrs. Robert Fling, Pleasantville, New York, former president of WMU, SBC. The Bible study will be followed by a pew-based world tours conducted by missionaries, mission board leaders, and ethnic Baptists.

Afternoons will be devoted to films, to browsing, and to workshops on

such topics as teaching mission study books.

Missionaries will again take the stage in evening assemblies.

Spectaculars will break into the schedule Saturday evening, Sunday, and Wednesday morning. Saturday evening will focus on missions and missionaries, using drama pageantry, and audience participation.

Sunday sessions will be led by missions leaders. Kenneth Chafin, former Home Mission Board staff member who is now a pastor in Houston, Texas, will speak Sunday morning and evening at Glorieta. Jesse Fletcher, director of the mission support division of the Foreign Mission Board, will speak Sunday morning and evening at Ridgecrest.

Wednesday morning, consultants from the Birmingham office of WMU will bid conferees farewell with a two-hour practical summary of the year ahead. Theme for the presentation will be "Patterning Tomorrow's WMU."

Conferences for general WMU officers and age - level directors will of the entire 1973 - 74 church year.

Baptist Women will divide their methods conference time between specialized conferences on each of office and Baptist Women assemblies for general presentations.

Baptist Young Women will not only have training conferences for leaders and members, but will also have a banquet, fellowship periods, and special group worship sessions. An afternoon BYW conference is planned for members who lead youth organizations and must attend other methods conferences in the mornings.

Team teaching techniques will bring Acteens leaders creative approaches to Acteens weekly meetings, to prayer retreats, Week of Prayer, to Focus Week, and to use of Acteens publications.

Afternoon conferences for Acteens leaders will feature Studia, witnessing in mission action, and ways of developing leadership among Acteens.

Girls in Action morning conferences will be geared to helping leaders attain recognition with the GA Achievement Guide. Afternoon conferences will help leaders learn how to use introductory activities, how to promote and use Missions Adventures, and how to teach mission study books.

Mission Friends conferences will include the use of the new teaching missions to preschoolers. Special workshops will be offered on arts, home relations, furnishings, and equipment.

"Cinderella" Is Theme Of Carey Beauty Pageant

Using the theme CINDERELLA the 5th annual Miss William Carey College beauty pageant will be held in Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium on Thursday evening, March 8.

Mrs. Robbie Robertson Pinkerton, a former Miss Mississippi, will be the event's Mistress of Ceremonies. Other persons involved in the cast will be Prince Charming, Mike Mitchell; the two mice, Jay Rogers and Andy Kalberg; the fairy godmother, Patsy Howell; the pumpkin, Randy South; organist, Hank Mc...

The sixteen participants are: Edith Batson, Crystal Springs; Joyce Brown, Mobile; Grace Curran, Mobile; Diane Dobson, Mobile; Betty Gail Dunaway, Gulfport; Kathy Fejes, Belle Chasse, La.; Michelle Greene, Mobile; Jaime Higgins, New Orleans; Ann Hollingsworth, Quitman; Priscilla Knowles, Mobile; Pamela Mayeaux, New Orleans; Joy Norris, Pensacola; Margaret Rateliff, Collins; Elaine Ross, Hattiesburg; Kathy Smith, Jackson; and Valerie Turner, Leakesville.

Tickets will be \$1.00 per seat and will be available at the door. The public is invited.

Series Meetings Set For National Baptist Churches

The sixth annual series of eleven Baptist area leadership conferences jointly sponsored by the Mississippi



Mrs. Taylor



Dr. Richmond writer, according to Miss Waudine Storey, Jackson, associate in the State Baptist WMU, who will direct the meetings.

The conference leader for pastors and laymen will be Dr. S. L. Richmond, director of Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly, located near Prentiss.

Mrs. Taylor will also address the entire group at each conference, Miss Storey added.

A special feature at each conference will be "Youth Camps '73 — Sophia Sutton."

At each conference the dean of the local Seminary Center will preside.

Pastors, laymen, women and other church leaders are urged to attend the conference most convenient.

All conferences will be held from 7:00-9:30 p.m., except the meeting in Jackson which will be from 2:30-4:30 p.m. The schedule follows:

March 5 — First Baptist Church, Campbell Street, Winona; March 6 — Bolivar Seminary Building, Mound Bayou; March 7 — Seminary Center Building, Highway 334, Oxford; March 8 — Rising Star Baptist Church, North Madison, Tupelo; March 9 — Ministerial Institute and College, Church Hill Road, West Point; March 11 — Central Seminary Center, Delta Drive, Jackson; March 12 — New Seminary Building, 15th and 31st Avenue, Meridian; March 13 — St. Elmo Baptist Church, Sixth Street, Laurel; March 14 — Mississippi Baptist Seminary, 1120 Marion Avenue, Columbia; March 15 — Christian Liberty MB Church, Tipton Street, Kosciusko; March 16 — Ed Straughter Memorial Building, Openwood Street, Vicksburg.

Girl Scouts of the U. S. A. is the largest voluntary organization for girls in the world. Nearly 32 million girls men and women have been members of Girl Scouts of the U. S. A. since its founding in 1912.

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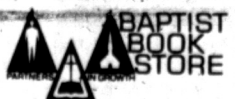
NOBODY ELSE WILL LISTEN: A Girl's Conversations with God by Marjorie Holmes—Written to help those who need someone to listen to their problems with understanding. (Doubleday) \$3.95

IT'S BEEN ONE OF THOSE DAYS, LORD by Bob W. Brown—Thoughtful, involving interludes of prayer. (Zondervan) \$3.95

PRAYERS FOR THE LATER YEARS by Josephine Robertson—A helpful collection of prayers. (Abingdon) \$2.95

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We Live In A World Which Is God's Creation—

The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not do.

By Clifton J. Allen
Genesis 1:1-26,31; Psalms 24:1-2
104:24-30

We begin with this lesson a series on "Affirmations of Our Faith." These studies will have to do with some of our most basic Christian beliefs. The approach is not so much in terms of a doctrinal proposition as an emphasis on the meaning and relevance for personal understanding and experience. These are truths which Christians affirm strongly. They are bedrock affirmations of our faith. We should seek better understanding of these truths as a basis for a stronger faith and a more convincing witness to the world. This first lesson is foundational. We live in a world which is God's creation. More and more we are forced to consider the origin and nature of the natural world, the whole universe, and our human situation and responsibility in relation to the created universe. We ought to feel at home in God's world.

The Lesson Explained CREATOR AND SUSTAINER (Gen. 1:1,26,31)

The Bible begins with the affirmation of God's creation of the universe. This is the beginning point for our thinking about the world. It was the expression of the purpose and wisdom and goodness and power of God. The writer of the Genesis story of creation had no thought of a scientific account of how the world was created. He was chiefly concerned to affirm the origin of the world in and through the act of God as the creator. As the climax of creation, God created man in his own image. Hence man, unlike all else that God created, is a person. He was made a living soul, a spiritual being. To him was given dominion over the earth and all the forms of life which God had created. And then God looked at all he had created, and "it was very good." The creation reflected God's purpose. It was in harmony with his will. It was complete, lacking nothing.

GOD'S WONDROUS WORKS (Psalms 24:1-2; 104:24-30)

The psalmist was sensitive to the wonder of the world. He recognized God's ownership. Because God created the universe he has the responsibility to control it and the right to accomplish his purpose through it. We, too, should be sensitive to the fact that God is the owner of all that is in the world, especially the fact that we ourselves belong to God. All the wondrous works of creation bear



Handbells Presented To New Orleans Seminary

New Orleans Seminary has been given a set of Schulmerick handbells in honor of the late T. Odus Winn, longtime friend of the seminary and former president of the board of trustees. Uncrating the handbells (upper photo: left to right) are Dr. William Hooper, chairman of the Division of Church Music Ministries, Sarah Wilkinson, division secretary, and Dr. Eugene Brasher, associate professor in the music division. Shown following a special dedication for the handbells (lower picture: left to right) are Dr. Hooper, Seminary President Dr. Grady C. Cothen, Mrs. T. Odus Winn, and Dr. Brasher. A handbell performance was presented at the service by the newly formed Seminary Handbell Choir.

the mark of the divine owner, who has designed that they should declare to man something of God's transcendent greatness and goodness.

Psalms 104 is a hymn of praise to the God of creation. The psalmist thought of the countless creatures of the earth, of the innumerable fish and animals in the sea, of the ships sailing the seas, and of the mighty Leviathan, a huge sea monster enjoying the freedom of the sea. God not only created; he also provided generously and abundantly the means of life for his creatures. But every form of life — plants and animals and human beings — is dependent on God, not only for that which nourishes life, but for life itself. Through his preservation, life is sustained. Through powers he has

given, life is reproduced. Through the creative powers of his Spirit, life is renewed to give beauty to the earth and to give strength and hope to man.

HUMAN EXISTENCE IN GOD'S WORLD

The world is man's home. This was God's design. An understanding of God's world, therefore, involves much more than consideration of the majesty and grandeur of the natural world, the limitless reaches of space and the myriads of stars and planets in space, the immutable laws of the physical universe, the almost numberless species of plant and animal life on the earth, and the mysteries of the minerals of the oceans and under the surface of the earth. We must think more of the meaning of human existence in

the world. According to the truth of the Bible, the world has its greatest importance because it is the setting for God's self-disclosure to man, for man's fulfillment of his stewardship in having dominion over the earth, and for God's working out in history his redemptive purpose in a kingdom of righteousness and peace and joy. Man can become what God wants him to be in this kind of world.

Truths to Live By

Faith in God is the key to a satisfying view of the world. — There are mysteries about the universe altogether beyond human comprehension. There are baffling problems for which we have no solutions and questions for which we have no answers. For example: Why did God allow evil to come into his good world? Why are convulsions in nature, such as earthquakes and floods and storms, allowed to bring destruction to thousands or millions of human beings? How much of man's exploration into space is a part of God's purpose that man shall have dominion over the earth? How long can human reproduction continue in keeping with God's purpose without starvation resulting for millions of people? How can man adjust to the frightening increase of change in the world through the findings of science and the creative genius of man? We simply have no answers to these questions — apart from faith in God as the creator and sustainer and ruler of the world. This is God's world. He rules over it. It is still a good world. We should not be afraid.

God is greater than the world. — We are staggered by the immensity and complexity of the universe. We cannot even understand all the secrets of the tiniest flower. The physical body of a human being baffles the comprehension of the most brilliant biologist. The whole world of spiritual experience, growing out of man's being in the image of God, is a universe of mystery in which we ought to walk with humility and trust and reverence. But no one of these mysteries is hidden from God. The mind of God encompasses his whole creation and every minute part of it. And this surely means that the world will be brought to a wonderful fulfillment of God's holy purpose.

Man should come to terms with the world. — Surely it is not God's will that we should live in his world with hostile feelings about it — afraid of its mystery, resentful or unhappy because of its uncertain weather, chafing because of the demands it makes on us for work and change and discipline, and uneasy because we are subject to the uncertainties of human experience. We must live in the world. We can learn to celebrate the goodness of God as long as we live.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Responsible For Fellow Christians

I Corinthians 8
By Bill Duncan

Do you remember when a "question and answer" period was held at an after-church fellowship and the teenagers would always ask questions about dancing, petting, and smoking? Well, today the questions are about race relationships, family stability, the church, war, and drugs. Do the answers still fit the questions? Yes, all of these deal with relationships — the personal relationship between a man and God concerning



his spiritual condition, and the relationships between one man and another. Only the character of the activity is different: rather than meat offered to idols, it is Christian influence in areas of business ethics.

The city and the church at Corinth were concerned about influence. The city was much like the cities of our country with religions from all over the world. The Christians of the church had to face the different opinions with the best influence possible.

The point of the question pertaining to morality and Christian influence was the question of eating meat offered to idols. Certain portions of sacrificial meat offered in the temples were later put on sale for household use. It was sold as the source of fresh meat for the public. Did the purchase and use of the meat offered to idols make the eater a worshiper of a pagan god? Did the person who bought the meat offered to idols compromise his Christian teachings? The Christians of Corinth were concerned that they did compromise their witness.

Paul became concerned because of the knowledge that they had that the meat did not hurt them. These Christians knew that they were not worshipping idols. But love will cause a person to stop and think of those who are watching to see if the Christian faith is true. So love should guide our actions. Love for others does not make us boast about our freedom, but makes us try to influence others to follow Christ.

This over-all passage teaches an important truth: that one should believe God created things to be used and persons to be love — not the opposite. Paul was saying that we are to be sensitive to others, because of their place in the sight of God.

There must have been some who believed in a simple way that the idol was something. So Paul argues that if you say that there is absolutely no harm in eating meat offered to idols you are hurting and injuring and disturbing the conscience of these simple souls. If a thing is harmless for you, still if it hurts someone else, it must be given up, for a Christian must never do anything which causes his brother to stumble.

Barclay gives three principles which are eternally important out of this passage (1) "What is safe for one man may be quite unsafe for another." It may be that some are strong enough to resist temptation but others may not be. (2) Nothing ought to be judged solely from the point of view of knowledge; everything ought to be judged from the point of view of love. The argument of the mature Christians in Corinth was that they knew the idols were nothing. But sometimes knowledge makes a man arrogant, feel superior and unsympathetic. Our conduct should be guided by sympathetic and considerate love for our fellow man. (3) No man has any right to claim a right, to indulge in a pleasure, to demand a liberty which may be the ruin of someone else. We must always think of our weaker brother.

A small boy's definition of love: "When there's only one piece of pie left and Mother isn't hungry." We show true love when for the sake of our weaker brother we withhold our actions to encourage him.

Jess Moody warns that "history may record that America died because its spiritual wellsprings dried up due to the fact that the churches were fighting over the wrong issues. The gut issue is, what will the church do to keep John, Mary, Billy and Susie Doe lashed to the cross and made into happy servants of the Lord?"

Will we even be responsible for John, Mary, Billy and Susie Doe?

So many are only concerned about themselves. "Christian love is to will the well-being of the whole being of every being."

Southwestern Student Missions Conference Mar. 9-11

A practical approach to missions today will be the keynote of the 24th annual College Student Missions Conference scheduled at Southwestern Seminary March 9-11. This year's conference theme is, "Go Where the People Are."

Headlining the conference will be the presentation of a missions musical and a new missions play. Composers Ed Seabough and Bill Cates will present their musical "Joy" as the conference's theme interpretation. The play "Lottie D.", a musical drama based upon the life of the late missionary Lottie Moon, will conclude the three-day meeting.

Featured speakers will include Peter McLeod, pastor, First Church, Waco; Thomas Starks of the HMB's Interfaith Witness Department; Keith Parks, FMB area secretary for Southeast Asia; and James Dunn, director of the Christian Life Commission, Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Registration fee for the conference is \$5.00. Housing will be provided by the seminary. However, only 1500 students will be accommodated on a "first come, first served" basis.

Further information concerning this year's conference may be obtained by writing the College Student Missions Conference, P. O. Box 22186, Fort Worth, Texas 76122.

Hash is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things which have been.

Stand still and watch the world go by — and it will.

Influence is something you think you have until you try to use it.

A woman is perturbed by what a man forgets — a man by what a woman remembers.



New Zion (Leake) Dedicates New Brick Auditorium

Members of New Zion Church, Leake County, recently moved into a new brick building, which includes a carpeted auditorium and six Sunday school rooms. New Zion was organized in November, 1937, and preaching the dedication message was their first pastor, Rev. J. L. Moore of Carthage, pictured above at right. Most of the work on the new building was done by church members and the pastor, Rev. Donald Savell, above left, formerly of Union. Rev. W. C. Smith, associational missionary, and other former members were present for the dedication service.

Second Anniversary

Rev. Partee Tutor on February 11 celebrated his second anniversary as pastor of Shiloh Church, Lafayette County. The church presented to Rev. and Mrs. Tutor a recliner, and prayer book, in appreciation for their service.

He has organized a youth recreation program, and a baptistry has been installed. There have been a number of additions, professions of faith and by letter. Attendance and offerings have increased.

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Devotional

The Church Of Tomorrow—Today

By W. C. Burns, Pastor, First, Ellenville

The Christian church is being called today to evangelize the world in the grip of revolution. But what has the church to do with revolution? Just this, that Christ's work never goes on in a vacuum.

The Church's Foundation is Faith — Matthew 16:13-19.

Christ in His Church is found in Matthew 18:15-20.

The Picture of the Church is found in Acts 2:37-47.

God's Word in His Church is found in I Corinthians 12:1-11.

The Church which is Christ's joy is found in I Corinthians 12:12-27.

Christ's prayer for His Church is found in John 17:20-26.

The Church Victorious and Triumphant is found in Revelation 7:9-17.

If I were to ask you the question, "What is wrong with the Church today?", I would get a variety of answers. The easiest job in the world is that of criticizing the church but we must always remember that criticism is the poorest substitute in the world for service. Many church members are not living up to their responsibilities. They are guilty of neglect and they know this, but try to excuse themselves by finding fault with the church.

Do you know a perfect church? If you say you do, you are wrong, because the church is made up of human beings. We must admit, though, that there is more right with the church than wrong.

The Church of Tomorrow will depend upon what we do in our generation to live up to the standards Christ has set before us. We need to get involved with Christ and His Church. We need to quit watching the parade and join in as participants and followers of the most revolutionary person in the world — JESUS. From a by-stander to a burden-bearer—that is it! We now have arrived in tomorrow's church — a church that is doing something!!!



Workshop Planned On Communications

LOUISVILLE, Ky — A workshop in Christian communication is planned for March 29-31 on the Southern Seminary campus to help professional church workers sharpen their communication skills.

Workshop leaders include Sue Nichols Spencer, communication specialist with The Presbyterian Church, U. S.; Bill Hale, associate director of the Georgia Center for Continuing Education; Walker L. Knight, secretary of the department of editorial service, Home Mission Board; and Jim Newton, assistant director of Baptist Press.

Mrs. Spencer, author of *Words On Target*, will discuss how to make writing style more appealing — improving letters, church bulletin columns, and articles for the denominational press. Hale, a prime mover behind Georgia's educational television network, will help conference participants put vitality into their audio-visual programs.

Newton will give professional advice on getting more news coverage for the local church in the secular press,

and Knight, editor of *Home Missions* magazine, brings the keynote address on the workshop theme, "Christian Communication: Catching Up with the Twentieth Century."

Seminary personnel on the program are Wesley (Pat) Pattillo, vice-president for development and specialist in the field of public relations; and Badgett Dillard, vice-president for business affairs, who will explore the causes and cures of break-downs in interpersonal communication.

A limited number of reservations are available on a first-come, first-served basis for the conference, which begins Thursday afternoon and concludes Saturday at noon. The registration fee will be \$35 (\$10 pre-registration and \$25 upon arrival). Housing on campus is available at a reasonable cost (\$7.50 per night for single room; \$13 for double room; or \$4 for dormitory room).

For further information or reservations, contact Lucien E. Coleman, Jr., workshop director, in care of the seminary address: 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40206.

Dr. Trueblood To Deliver Lectures At Carey

William Carey College will host one of America's leading Christian philosophers as speaker during the annual Staley Lecture Series, March 13-15 on the Hattiesburg campus.

Dr. Elton Trueblood, pictured, eminent Quaker author, lecturer and internationally known conference leader, will make his first appearance on the Carey campus, according to Dr. Don Stewart, chairman of the Carey Religion and Philosophy Department and director of the Staley lecture series. He will be involved



in chapel addresses, dialogue sessions and evening lectures.

An eight generation Quaker in direct line, Dr. Trueblood is a native of Pleasantville, Iowa. He holds degrees from William Penn College, Harvard University and the PhD from Johns Hopkins University, plus eleven honorary degrees.

Dr. Trueblood is the author of thirty volumes, the latest being *The Validity of the Christian Mission*.

Pastor Loses Two Sons By Drowning

Rev. and Mrs. Hilton Lane of Fairfield Bay, Arkansas recently lost their two sons by drowning (December 16, 1972). The boys, Mark and Kent, ages ten and twelve, were buried in Hazen, Arkansas where the Lanes were pastoring before going to Fairfield Bay. They are survived by a sister, Laura, who is seven years old.

Mr. Lane is from Prentiss, Mississippi, and Mrs. Lane (Martha Roy) is from Abbeville, Mississippi, and they also served Mississippi churches.

Last summer they began working with the Home Mission Board to establish a church in the resort area of Fairfield Bay. Mrs. Lane is one of the writers for the *Primaries* February lessons. One of the sons is mentioned in one lesson as Mrs. Lane shared his experience of inviting people to the new church which is now a community center building.

A memorial fund has been established for the new church building at Fairfield Bay.



Open House Held At First, Gautier's New Pastorium

Sunday, February 25, from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m., First Church, Gautier, conducted an open house for their new pastor's home, according to the pastor Rev. John G. Brock.

The home is built on a beautiful oak tree shaded and water-front lot located on Graveline Road in the Sandalwood Subdivision.

The exterior is of old brick with a high pitched gable roof, shutters on the windows and ornamental iron columns across the front porch.

Off from the entrance foyer a large

formal living - dining room is provided, leaving the family room for informal activities. A built-in bookcase across one wall, panelling and glass sliding doors leading outside onto a large patio makes the family room the active part of the home.

The four bedrooms, hall and two baths are zoned away from the rest of the house. Special emphasis was placed on the master bedroom by including a private bath and huge walk-in closet. The home has wall to wall carpet in all areas except the

kitchen and laundry room which has vinyl floors.

The all-electric kitchen has built-in self cleaning oven, cook top, disposal and dishwasher and a large breakfast bar.

The home has electric heat and air conditioning, central built-in vacuum system, double car garage and large storage room.

Consisting of 2,559 square feet it was built for approximately \$30,000. The general contractor is Herbert A. King of Pascagoula.

In Vietnam

National Christians Move To The Front

By James F. Humphries

Missionary Associate, Vietnam
Baptists from all walks of life — seminary students, soldiers, teachers, taxi drivers and housewives — gathered recently in Camranh Bay for a spiritual retreat. The meeting marked the first nationwide gathering of its kind among Vietnamese Baptists.

For some, it meant a week off from work without pay. Others came by air without promise of a return ticket from the airline. Still they came, 92 of them, looking to God for the kind of food and assurance money cannot buy.

When missionary Lewis Myers, (Mississippian) chairman of the Vietnam Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) was called upon to voice the opening prayer, for just a moment everything became perfectly still. The ever-sounding mufflers of speeding Hondas suddenly quieted; the baby crying in the

courtyard of an adjoining house hushed; the rooster crowing at the wrong hour became silent; even the hungry hound barking outside the church window found something else to do besides bark.

With the last rays of the evening sun falling behind the mountains to the west, Christians from throughout the country were looking to God to bring the kind of peace and happiness to Vietnam which years of war could not bring.

One of the first signs of revival came, not in the regular meetings at Trinity Baptist Church of Bangoi, but in a called meeting at Camranh City Orphanage (supported by Vietnamese Baptists), where participants were housed.

For the first time Baptists in Vietnam began showing a real concern for the needs of the orphanage. Before the special prayer meeting concluded, a sizeable offering had been

gathered, and the decision made to continue it as a yearly offering in churches.

The spirit of growing revival revived the Christians from the orphanage to nearby beaches and villages where they witnessed to people before exposed to the gospel. A concern for the lost multitude in Vietnam could be sensed. Pastors laymen with broken fellowship rejoiced and sang together. The theme of the retreat, "Christ Above All," came alive in the actions of the present.

Mr. Trung from the little East Nam Baptist Chapel was overjoyed that he, a layman, could stand before a large group of people and tell them what Jesus meant to him. He did not know I had the courage to speak to more than a dozen people about my faith," he told Southern Baptist missionaries Ron and Betty Merrell.



Miss Amie Lee Stepp, left, presents the first May Lorette Smith Stepp Williams Memorial Scholarship to Sarah Lynne Smith, right.

Scholarship Set Up At N. Carrollton

The May Lorette Smith Stepp Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by the North Carrollton Church, North Carrollton, in January, in memory of the late Mrs. James Hughes Williams, "member in good standing, teacher of the Adult Women's Sunday School Class and president of the Woman's Missionary Union for many years, devout Christian who loved the Lord and His church and who was interested in the growth and development of young Christians according to God's will."

This fund was made possible through memorial gifts made by friends at the time of Mrs. Williams' death, and by later gifts from her two daughters and son, Mrs. Harry Holt Lott and

161 Mississippi Churches Involve 56,224 In World Missions Conferences

ATLANTA (BP) — The Mississippi Baptist Convention recorded impressive and meaningful statistics this past year in the area of missionary education.

Twelve associations conducted World Missions Conferences with 161 churches involved; 56,224 people attended the programs at which 20 professions of faith and 189 other decisions were made. The conferences brought 118 state, home, and foreign missionaries to the participating associations.

The convention has a quota of 15 World Missions Conferences for 1973, and 12 have already been scheduled.

Miss Amie Lee Stepp of North Carrollton, and Tandy Martin Stepp, Jr. of Lexington, Miss.

The purpose of the fund, which was placed with the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, is to grant an annual college scholarship to a young man or woman studying for the Christian ministry or a church-related vocation, or to a son or daughter of a local minister or missionary.

Also, at this time, the first May Lorette Smith Stepp Williams Scholarship was granted and presented by Miss Amie Lee Stepp to the recipient, Miss Sarah Lynne Smith, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. Martin Smith of North Carrollton.

Louisiana Baptist Home Receives \$100,000 Gift

MONROE, La. (BP) — Louisiana Baptist Children's Home has received a gift of \$100,000 from a Northwest Louisiana family to be used for building a new cottage on its campus here.

The family wishes to remain anonymous, said children home superintendent Wade B. West in announcing the gift.

One of the home's goals is construction of five new cottages to replace older buildings, East said. The children's home was established in 1899.

Miss Smith, a president's scholar with a 4.0 scholastic average for the past year at Delta State College, Cleveland, has completed her work for the B. S. degree in Elementary Education, and is beginning graduate study toward a Master's degree at the same institution. She has been awarded assistantship by the college the elementary education, for this semester.

Members of the Steering Committee presenting the resolutions for the establishment of the scholarship were Rev. Robert Hutcherson, pastor of North Carrollton Church, A. L. McNeer, Mrs. J. A. Sisson, Mrs. H. H. Lott, and Miss Amie Lee Stepp.

Off The Record

"Our new, new math class really wraps it up, Dad. We learn about one country, two sexes, three graces, four freedoms, five continents, six yoga positions, seven deadly sins, eight wonders of the world, nine Supreme Court justices, and the ten commandments!" — Education: What's Happening

A North Jackson fellow who was suffering from the flu or something, couldn't get a doctor to make a house call, so he went to the physician's office. "He gave me a thorough physical examination," the patient said, "which was painless until the doc took a little rubber mallet and hit me in my wallet." — Jackson Daily News

On the Level

After the honeymoon, the new husband asked his bride, "You don't mind if I point out a few of your little defects, do you?"

"Not at all," replied the bride. "It's those little defects that kept me from getting a better husband, dear." — Grit

Open Hearing On Structure Prompts Little Response

NASHVILLE (BP) — A committee assigned to study the total structure of the Southern Baptist Convention held an open hearing to allow any Southern Baptist to make suggestions for change, but no one showed up with any specific proposals.

Two weeks earlier, the Committee of Fifteen, as the study committee is



Called To Bethlehem

Rev. Marvin Cox has accepted a call to the pastorate of Bethlehem Church, Pinola, in Simpson County. He moved there from Martin Church, New Albany, where he had served as pastor for four years. Mr. Cox is shown above with his wife, the former Glenda Chapman, and children, Samuel and Rachel.

popularly called, announced it would hold the open hearing "to provide a forum for any Southern Baptist to present ideas on the structure and organization of the convention."

When the meeting convened, there were 14 visitors who attended — of them denominational workers — others who had attended sessions earlier in the day of the SBC Executive Committee.

Almost all said they came "to hear" what might sum up due to the open forum.

One committee member expressed fear the visitors were "overly helpful" about expressing their opinion. "We hope you will communicate others the spirit of openness that exists in our committee, for we've tried to listen, to hear, to seek opposing viewpoints concerning all that lives in our study."

The committee pointed out would still be open to receiving suggestions in writing from any who were unable to attend, and that a few such communications already been received.

E. W. Rice Jr., pastor of Good Street Baptist Church in High Point, N. C., is chairman of the study committee.

Music Methods And Materials Clinic



Two hundred and fifty-two from 32 associations registered for the statewide Methods and Materials Clinic held February 15 and 16 at Alta Woods Church, Jackson, a meeting sponsored by the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dan Hall,



director. Above left is a group of ministers of music in a choral reading session. Above right are students and faculty present at the clinic from Carey College. Dr. Charles Myers was host pastor.



Tom Spiegner, professor of church music at Mississippi College, and Festus Robertson, Adult Music Consultant, Church Music Dept., BSSB, right, were among the program personalities.



Music faculties and church music students of the four state Baptist colleges were special guests of the Church Music Department at the clinic. Students from Blue Mountain, shown above, sang during a luncheon at Alta Woods.



Rev. Fred Tarpley, Hinds County superintendent of missions, brings greetings. Ninety-three were present from Hinds Association, which has set a goal of 60. Sharron Lyon, music assistant, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, gave a mini-organ concert and taught organ service playing.